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FOR PRINTING DEVICE	)		
LOAD-BALANCING	)		
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the specification in the above-captioned application to state that this application is a continuation-in-part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/894,928.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following paragraph as the first paragraph of the specification:

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Please find attached hereto a preliminary amendment amending the above-captioned application.

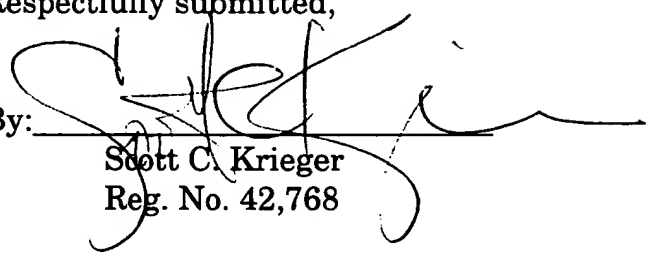
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